THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) According to Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) spinach leaves contain several active compounds including flavonoids with antioxidative, anti proliferative and anti inflammatory properties. A powerful water-soluble, natural antioxidant mixture (NAO), which specially inhibits the lipoxygenase enzyme, was isolated from spinach leaves. NAO has been found to be nonmutagenic and has shown promising anticarcinogenic effects in few experimental model such as skin and prostrate cancer. In addition 10g of spinach will provide 26 calories, 2.0 g of protein, 73 mg calcium 1.14 mg of iron, 2740 mg B-carotene, 28 mg of vitamin C.

(c) and (d) the spinach (Paiak) is traditionally consumed by people in India. Though there is no specific action plan to encourage its use exclusively, many national programmes and nutritionists encourage the consumption of Green Leafy Vegetables (GLVs).

Amount for National Family Welfare Programme

†955. SHRI LAXMINA RAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated to all the States of the country for National Family Welfare Programme for the year 2003-04 by Government;

(b) whether the amount is still available under the same head;

(c) the amount allocated to each of the States during the year 2004-05 and the amount provided to the States so far; and

(d) by when the remaining amount would be provided?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) An amount of Rs. 2583.57 crores was released to the States through their Budget and Rs. 669 87 crores was released directly to the registered Societies in different States for the National Family Welfare Programme during the year 2003-04. Thus, a total of Rs. 3253.44 crores was released to the States.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) The unspect balances lying with the registered Societies are available for utilisation under the same head in the subsequent year(s). However, the unspent balances out of the funds released through the State Budget are available in subsequent years after revalidation.

(c) The amount of grants-in-aid allocated and the amount released to each State so far during the year 2004-05 are given in Statement (See below).

(d) The fourth and last instalment of the funds released through the Budget will be released by the end of December 2004. However, for other schemes, the grants will be released in due course during the financial year depending on the demand from the States and receipt of utilisation certificates of the grants released earlier.

Statement

State-wise amount allocated during 2004-05 and releases made till date

(Rs. in lakhs)

SI.N	. NameofState/UT	Allocation	Releases till date
1.	Andhra Pradesh	22669.17	14702.26
2.	Arunachal Prades	1038.30	329.40
3.	Assam	10136.55	5697.12
4.	Bihar	21299.27	10322.97
5.	Chhattisgarh	8387.78	4683.21
6.	Goa	359.05	212.89
7.	Gujarat	14871.05	8935.20
8.	Haryana	6250.42	3438.69
9.	Himachal Pradesh	4022.30	2637.12
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	3777.38	2059.52
11.	Jharkhand	9084.75	4514.02
12.	Karnataka	14655.27	9596.28
13.	Kerala	8568.10	4992.49
14.	Madhya Pradesh	20474.29	12113.50

SI. No. Name of State/UT	Allocation	Releases till date
15. Maharashtra	21913.84	14068.80
16. Manipur	1724.74	81.68
17. Meghalaya	1271.95	506.61
18. Mizoram	1137.16	463.54
19. Nagaland	938.62	62.14
20. Orissa	11705.16	6049.60
21. Punjab	5265.51	3524.08
22. Rajasthan	21071.99	11655.56
23. Sikkim	649.90	363.16
24. Tamil Nadu	15235.08	10018.59
25. Tripura	1249.77	684.41
26. Uttar Pradesh	49345.51	26013.07
27. Uttaranchal	4039.19	1459.58
28. West Bengal	15871.95	9595.00
Total-All States	297014.05	168780.49

Figures are provisional

Target for population control

†956. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have fixed any target for population control;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that R.C.H.S. programme launched by Government for the said purpose has failed miserably;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the details of inquiry report;

(e) whether Government have taken any action against National Health and Family Welfare Institute, Delhi, the nodal agency for the said programme for its alleged negligence; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

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